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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Ernest G. Therkorn

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(B) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Talley (U.S. Patent No. 4,118,316). The claim is considered to read on Talley (U.S. Patent No. 4,118,316). However, if a difference exists between the claim and Talley (U.S. Patent No. 4,118,316), it would reside in optimizing the elements of Talley (U.S. Patent No. 4,118,316). It would have been obvious to optimize the elements of Talley (U.S. Patent No. 4,118,316) to enhance separation.

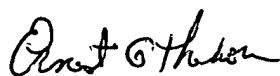
Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ayers (U.S. Patent No. 4,330,440) in view of O'Gara (LCGC Volume 19, Number 6 June 2001, pages 632-642). At best, the claim differs from Ayers (U.S. Patent No. 4,330,440) Formula II's stationary phase in reciting use of a hydrophobic phase as the ligand. O'Gara (LCGC Volume 19, Number 6 June 2001, pages 632-642) (Abstract, line 3; page 1, column 1, lines 1-24, particularly lines 20-24; page 1, column 2, lines 1-2; and Figures 1 and 2) discloses that octadecyl and octyl groups are the traditional reverse

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phase ligands that have been in use for the past 30 years. It would have been obvious to use octadecyl and octyl groups in Ayers (U.S. Patent No. 4,330,440) because O'Gara (LCGC Volume 19, Number 6 June 2001, pages 632-642) (Abstract, line 3; page 1, column 1, lines 1-24, particularly lines 20-24; page 1, column 2, lines 1-2; and Figures 1 and 2) discloses that octadecyl and octyl groups are the traditional reverse phase ligands that have been in use for the past 30 years.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to E. Therkorn at telephone number (571) 272-1149. The official fax number is (703) 872-9306.

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